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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

BRIEF AND BLUNT

Whatever else George Meany is—and in our opinion he is a lot more!—he is a master of the brief blunt phrase.

At one press conference in San Francisco the other day he was asked how the new "labor reform bill" would affect labor, and he replied:

"We'll have to hire more lawyers."

Asked if he would attend a dinner for Khrushchev, he said:

"I wouldn't be found dead with him."

Reminded that other labor leaders closely associated with him were sponsoring the dinner, he responded:

"This is a free country and a free labor movement."

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A LEADER'S DUTY

Many columns in newspapers and many books have been written, are being written, and will be written for years on big issues involved in these three concise utterances. Brief as they are, they are pregnant with significance. They are not brilliant, they are not even original in their ideas or phrasing. They are strictly colloquial, full of the immediate flavor of the time, and have the smack of ordinary traditional American thinking and talk.

They do what utterances of leaders should do—they tell us briefly and bluntly and without fancy dan evasions where he stands on important issues. He may be wrong, his attitudes may soon become modified by overwhelming parades of events, but there, for the time being, and as things are now and as his mind is now, there stands George Meany, and his few words are worth a ton of oratory.

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THEY'LL COST MONEY

That we of the labor movement are going to hire a lot of lawyers to grapple with the latest production of the lawyers in Congress concerning our destiny seems to be the essence of the matter. As The Machinist Weekly said September 10 when printing the new law in full:

"The actual meaning of all this language will not be determined for years—after the lawyers and the courts have argued it all out."

And George Meany knows those lawyers are going to cost a lot, too.

SPECIAL DONATION for steel strikers was collected at the CLC meeting this week. AFL-CIO convention asks all unionists to give 1 hour's pay a month to a fund for the strikers, but meanwhile the need for assistance is very real, and donations needed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

New law gives BTC 'prehire' clause desired

At the last meeting of the Building Trades Council, Business Representative J. L. Childers called attention to the fact that President Eisenhower had signed the much discussed "labor reform" bill.

This meant, among other things, said Childers, that 60 days from September 14 anyone working seven days on a union job becomes a member of the union. This is the "prehire" provision the building trades have advocated ever since the passing of the Taft-Hartley Act 12 years ago, as under the industry's working conditions it is impossible to hold an NLRB election to determine union representation. The contractor can now make arrangements before the job begins with a union.

As for the major portion of the new law, the BTC representative said, a quick perusal of his copy of it shows that some provisions are subject to many interpretations, and that it will cause some trouble and some adjustment of practices. But attorneys for the unions will put out their interpretations as soon as possible, and these must be studied carefully.

J. S. "Blackie" Miller, Painters 127, asked if under the new law it was incumbent upon each local union to notify every member in detail of the provisions of the law. He said that assuming it was he intended to get a sufficient number of copies of the law to mail one to each member of his local, and to have some on hand to give any who asked for them.

NEW STATE LAW

Bryan P. Deavers, president of the State Building & Construction Trades Council, in a communication called attention to provisions of a new law which

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Bakery men seek to rejoin AFL-CIO

A representational election will be held October 5 at the National Biscuit Company's shredded wheat plant at 14th and Poplar, where some 75 persons are now members of Local 125 of the old Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union which was expelled by the AFL-CIO.

The workers at the plant petitioned the NLRB for an election. The petitioners assert that they will get at least a 95% vote for quitting the expelled international unions local and joining the AFL-CIO's American Bakery and Confectionery Union as Local 125 of that international. The ABC, as it is commonly called, was founded by the AFL-CIO to take the place of the expelled international.

Gene DeCristofaro of AFL-CIO Regional Director Dan Flanagan's office has been conferring with the workers desirous of making the change.

Khrushchev & labor conclave headliners

The convention of the AFL-CIO in San Francisco, a notable national event in itself, got all tangled up in the public mind this week with the visit of Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev, an international event of major consequence.

Among the needles of news labor people were picking out of the haystack of occurrences some were as follows:

• The labor convention adopted unanimously and without discussion a resolution on international relations declaring that Khrushchev is "more truculent and demanding in his aggression than Stalin. The present Kremlin course toward the problem of German reunification and Berlin is far tougher than the harshest Soviet proposals put forward under Stalin."

• The dinner at the Mark Hopkins Hotel gotten up for Khrushchev by Jim Carey of the IUE and Walter Reuther of the UAW against George Meany's advice and attended by mostly former CIO leaders wound up in a press conference at which Reuther and Joe Curran of the NMU and Emil Rieve of the Textiles Union disagreed about what was said and what Khrushchev meant. But it seemed to be agreed that some fur flew with electric sparkles at the session with the dancing bear.

• Khrushchev himself said later that "whenever we meet with businessmen we have no hot conflicts. We don't try to

interfere with each other's philosophies. But often when I meet with trade union leaders or politicians, things are not so smooth."

• Things were "so smooth," however, when Khrushchev made an unscheduled visit, much to the consternation of the security corps, to the ILWU building in San Francisco. He was cheered by that particular group of unionists immeasurably, and had a private conference with Harry Bridges, of all people!

• Meanwhile, the big labor convention was devoting some attention to its basic bread and butter business. A major program was launched to raise money for the striking steelworkers, with every labor unionist in the country being asked to contribute one hour's pay a month to support the strike until it ends in victory.

• Convention leaders were indignant when Secretary of Labor Mitchell, popular as an individual, but unpopular as a stooge of the union-hating General in the White House in command of the anti-labor army, made it plain that the General was thinking of ordering strikers back to work for 80 days under the hated T-H Law.

• The newly passed and signed - by - the - General "labor reform" law was being discussed in every corridor of the convention, with lay and expert opinions being battled over about

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Metal Trades Council answers shipyard owners' propaganda

The following press release, issued by the Bay Cities Metal Trades and Industrial Union Council in reply to misleading inaccurate statements by employers published in the daily press, is here given in full text:

To All Shipyard Employees:

Todd Shipyards Corporation and Pacific Coast Engineering Corp. both of Alameda, have sent a letter to all of their employees setting forth their firm's position concerning the recently completed negotiations and the present strike situation. We wish to state that neither letter was factual. They were filled with misstatements of fact and were slanted to the firm's contention, therefore we feel it necessary to write this open letter from the Bay Cities Metal Trades and Industrial Union Council stating the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth concerning these negotiations and the present strike situation so that all members of unions affiliated with this council may get a true, accurate and complete report on the situation.

The offer of 7¢ in wages on July 1, 1959 plus 10¢ per hour in a trust depositary on May 1, 1960; plus 7¢ per hour in wages July 1, 1960 was a proposal of the Joint Management and Labor Sub-Committee at the con-

ference; not a labor proposal only, as management wants you to believe.

2. When this proposal was voted on by the labor representatives at the Conference, the result was a tie, the vote being 70½ to accept and 70½ to reject. The vote on the proposal being a tie vote, the proposal was submitted to the vote of the membership for their action to accept or reject without any recommendation from the labor representatives present to vote at the close of negotiations in Portland. Management knew that the final decision was up to the workers, NOT their representatives.

3. The vote of all local unions having men employed in shipyards in Washington, Oregon and California was 56 2/5 to accept and 171 3/5 to reject on the basis of a total of 6 votes for all unions of each international affiliated with a local Metal Trades Council. Further, the majority of unions affiliated with each of the 5 major Metal Trades

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Glass strikers tell CLC about picket-passing

Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx of the Central Labor Council introduced his report on the Flint Glass Workers' strike at the CLC meeting this week by saying:

"Over in San Francisco at the AFL-CIO convention there's a lot of talk about what effect the new labor law will have on us, and there are reports the employers have plans for still more anti-labor legislation. But sometimes I think the employers should quit worrying—if they'd just leave us alone we'll chew each other up!"

Groulx went on to say that from the start the Flint Glass Workers' strike was spotty over the country, at least on the coast, with plants in Los Angeles and Portland not shut down, but that the East Bay area had been a kind of an oasis, with the big plants closed.

That's still the situation here, he said, with the exception of the Owens-Illinois plant, where one local of the Glass Bottle Blowers was sending members through the picket line.

This was apparently being done, said Groulx, at the behest of international officers.

"I wish the international officers would sit down together and work such things out with international officers of other unions," sighed Groulx.

Cecil Monday of the striking Flint Glass Workers Local 66 told the delegates later in the meeting that "this is a second Pabco deal."

He said that all locals of the Glass Blowers, as well as locals of other internationals had been notified in advance that the strike was coming, and that when it began September 12 everyone cooperated, but the rumor began that Glass Blowers 141 might send people through.

"And this happened," went on Monday, "for the president and shop steward of Glass Blowers 141 did send some people through our line. These were miscellaneous workers who had no real work to do in the plant. They just washed windows and dusted things off, and evidently were sent in merely in the hope that their going through would start a stampede of people in the other Glass Blower locals to go through."

But Monday said that if that was the strategy it didn't work, as not only did the other two Glass Blower locals at the Owens-Illinois plant observe the picket line, but a great many members of Local 141 refused to go through. And he said the strikers immensely appreciated the fact that other locals belonging to various internationals were steadfastly observing the picket line.

After Monday finished, William M. Snow of Glass Blowers 53 confirmed what Monday had said.

"We're in full support of the strike," he said.

HOW TO BUY

New foamed-lined coats

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

October is the first fall month in which you can find sales and price reductions on coats and other clothing. Starting with the Columbus Day sales, you'll find progressively sharper price cuts.

This is a good year to look for sales. Most clothing costs more this fall, particularly woollens. You'll feel the price boost especially when buying men's and boys' suits and coats, and women's coats.

Car buyers also can find bigger discounts and special deals this month on 1959 models. Dealers and factories still have an inventory of one million '59 models even as production is starting on the 1960 models, including the widely-anticipated new compact cars.

One of the most important new developments in winter clothing is coats, jackets and snowsuits with plastic foam linings. The foamed plastic is manufactured under such trade names as "Curon," "Fahrenheit," "Urethane" and "Scott Foam."

Use of such linings is spreading rapidly, especially in women's coats, men's and women's sport jackets, and children's snowsuits and winter jackets. Coat manufacturers consulted by this department report foamed plastic has several advantages over wool linings and interlinings, particularly for its quality of warmth without weight, and because it can provide wind-resistance for raincoats and the fashionable new knitted coats. In general, foamed plastic gives excellent insulation, and can be drycleaned like wool.

Foam lining is especially desirable for knitted coats and other soft materials since it helps them keep their shape.

Foam linings generally come in thicknesses of 1/16, 3/32 and 1/8 inches. In knit coats, the

plastic foam is laminated to the outer material. For sports coats, the foam lining is laminated to the outer shell of such cotton materials as poplin and corduroy. In dressy coats, the plastic foam is used as a draped interlining. Some raincoats now have zip-out liners made of plastic foam.

This last use is one of the potentially most valuable. It solves the old problem of raincoats; they're too cold in the winter. Moreover, a raincoat with a zip-out liner of plastic foam has additional usefulness, since you can wear the same liner with other coats in very cold weather.

Nor, as far as this reporter can determine, are coats made with the new foam linings noticeably more expensive than others. Women's finger-length reversible sports jackets with foam interlinings are available in the \$12.98 bracket. Women's wool knitted coats with foam plastic backing are being offered around the \$50 mark. In black, the foam-lined wool knits can be worn as dress coats; in colors, for sports or casual wear.

Milk drinking can be learned

Get the milk-drinking habit young, and keep it up through life.

Nearly half of the men and women (48 percent) were found to drink no milk in a study in one community by an Experiment Station recently. Women in the study were less likely to drink and like milk; however, those who drank milk regularly in childhood usually continued to like it as adults.

Most of the people interviewed in the study said they drank milk because they liked it, and most of those who liked it had had it regularly during childhood.

Younger men and women were more likely to drink milk than those in the older age groups, said the specialists. The researchers believed that many more adults in the future will drink milk as a result of the school lunch and special milk programs.—Farmers Union Herald

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To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

THE PARK COMMISSION of Oakland announced early in September that this coming fiscal year it will be operating under a "sharply trimmed and rough budget."

Not long afterwards a letter signed by Mrs. Gregory Tafts appeared in the Tribune, complaining about the way Brookdale Park has been neglected.

Mrs. Tafts said that "it is disgustingly filthy to put it mildly. After every weekend there are broken bottles, beer cans, etc., left there. The garbage cans are left tipped over with the garbage strewn all about. The benches have been broken so many times there is nothing left for people to sit upon."

THE TRIMMED BUDGET of the Park Commission wasn't, of course, what this lady was thinking about when she wrote that letter telling about conditions with which we are all becoming painfully familiar. But the budget needed to clean up after the vandalism and carelessness raging in all our parks and public places, as well as along all the highways of our beautiful State, would have to be a mighty big, untrimmed, lavish budget indeed to keep up with the litter and destruction which we the people inflict upon our own property.

For it is we who do it. And that "we" must include a mighty big posse of labor people who neither take proper care of the appearance of public recreational property nor train their children to do so.

IT'S UP TO MOTHERS more than to any other group in our population to get this reform started, and it's a mighty big and a mighty urgent reform that is needed.

If democracy is to mean, or rather to continue to mean, such conditions as Mrs. Tafts describes, then a lot of fond hopes have gone glimmering.

Little girl knew her folks

Ellis Haller tells a new version of the classic about a newly ordained minister in the Ozarks who was going out for the first time to call on some members of his flock.

As he approached one tumble-down shack he saw a little girl sitting on the porch.

"Hello there," he said brightly. "Is your father home?"

"Nope—he's in jail."

"Well, may I speak to your mother?"

"Maw's at the sanitarium. She got to seein' things."

"I see. Well, have you any sisters or brothers?"

"I got a brother, but he's away at Harvard College."

"Harvard?" exclaimed the minister, amazed. "What is he studying?"

"Nuthin'," said the girl. "They're studyin' him!"—American Weekly.

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Boy headed for the White House

An office boy noticed two women with the boss.

Office boy: "Who were those two girls?"

Boss: "Well, one was my wife and the other was Marilyn Monroe."

Office boy: "Which one was Marilyn Monroe?"

Boss took a dollar out of his pocket and gave it to the boy.

Office boy: "What's this for?"

Boss: "Nothing. I just want you to remember, when you get to be president, that I once loaned you money."

How to wash trash cans

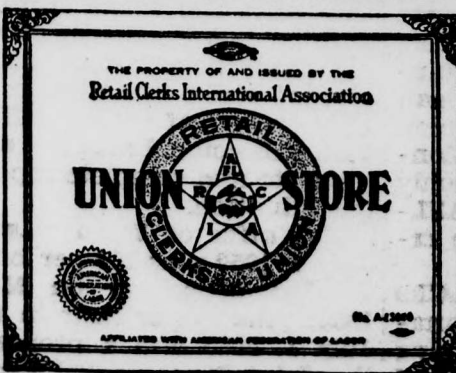
It's easy to clean a trash can outdoors by pouring in a pail or two of hot soap or detergent suds, swishing around with a long-handled brush, and emptying on the spot. The same method can be used indoors for metal or plastic waste baskets placed in a laundry tub.

You can save time, too, by filling these catch-alls with hot suds and going about your other tasks. Later you can empty them, rinse with hot water, and let them drain-dry upside down.

BOOST THE LABEL!

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

TIME WAS when our civilization abused and neglected our children shamefully. We overworked them in mines and sweat shops, tossed them into orphanages and forgot them, left many to wander homeless and hungry through our city alleyways.

We've stopped all that. Our unions have helped get through child-labor laws, so that now very few children are overworked. We've almost given up orphanages, children without homes being now placed in foster homes, where they receive individual care. Unwanted or orphaned babies are adopted by childless parents. Indeed, these days, there are more parents eagerly seeking children than there are babies to supply them.

We've waked up about our children. Now we are beginning to wake up about our old folks. Most of them no longer have to sit unwanted and neglected in some child's chimney corner. Old-age pensions, social security, sensible housing, are now taking the horror out of lives our doctors are prolonging. Old people, for the most part, can now have independence and self-respect.

It is true this care by the community of its old folks is in a beginning stage. Much remains to be done, especially for the ill or shut-in old folks.

A much needed want—prepared food—is now being provided in certain cities in the east financed by a grant from the Rosamond Gifford Charitable Foundation.

With this service, old folks who might otherwise have to seek institutional care, are served in their own homes by this "meal on wheels" service.

Food is packaged in disposable containers and delivered each day before noon. Each package contains a hot lunch as well as a separate "supper."

If such a service could ultimately be spread over the entire country, it would not only make a lot of old people happier, but would save the community money, for as we all know, many hospital beds are now taken up by aged and chronically ill persons, who require little or no medical care, but are unable to shop for food or prepare it for themselves.

Is it safe to publish this?

He was undersized, meek, diffident, subdued, and he had applied for a job as night watchman.

"Yes," said the boss, dubiously, "but the fact is we want someone who is restless and uneasy, especially at night. Someone who is always listening, thinking there are bad characters around. We want a large, aggressive, intrepid and dangerous person, bad tempered and revengeful. In short, the kind of a person, who, when aroused is a fiend."

"All right," said the little man as he walked away, "I'll send my wife."

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CULINARY ALLIANCE 31 members, Ferne Kneip and Grace Montez, are shown receiving strike benefit checks for observing the picket line at Sunshine Biscuit Company, which was recently struck by another union. They are the first to enjoy a new benefit established by Local 31 this year.

Culinary Alliance 31 now has 'best thing since lipstick'

Fran Kaczmarek, secretary of Culinary Alliance 31, makes the statement that "it's the greatest thing since lipstick to know that your members are provided for when emergencies such as these arise."

She was referring to the recent strike by another union against the Sunshine Biscuit Company, when two members of Local 31 working there were temporarily out of work because they wouldn't cross the picket line.

Commenting on the picture on this page of East Bay Labor Journal showing the two members, Ferne Kneip and Grace Montez, receiving strike benefit checks, Miss Kaczmarek says:

"We are very proud to report that Local 31 recently established a strike fund for the benefit of our members who are out on strike whether it be authorized by our Local Joint Executive Board or any other union. This section provides six dollars

(\$6.00) per day for five (5) days per week, not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00) per week.

"The above strike fund section went into effect July 1, 1959, therefore the two sisters in the picture are the first of our members to enjoy this new benefit provided by Local 31.

"As Secretary of the Culinary Workers Alliance Local 31, there is only one thing to say regarding such a service to such a great membership and I quote, 'It's the greatest thing since lipstick to know that your members are provided for when emergencies such as these arise.'

"Local 31 has always believed in providing as many services to the members as possible."

Carmen are back from convention

Carmen's Division 192 now holds its meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St.

The convention of the international was recently held at Miami Beach. The delegates from 192 were Vern Stambaugh, William Castleberry, H. W. Grimes, and T. R. Letkey.

At the convention General President Spradling became president emeritus, and Executive Vice President John Elliott became president, with Hank Mann succeeding him as executive vice president.

One of the subjects of discussion at the convention was some long strikes the union has been having, but one of them has now been settled.

USF's Labor-Management School to give a course on the new Labor Act

The University of San Francisco Labor-Management School, which open sessions on October 13 will have as one feature sure to attract much attention a course on the new Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, Father Andrew C. Boss, director of the school announces.

P. H. McCarthy Jr., attorney for the State Building & Construction Trades Council and for various other labor organizations, will coordinate this course.

Father Boss will give a course on "Rights and Duties of Labor and Management."

Professor L. A. O'Donnell of the school's economics department will give a course on "Economics and You."

Other courses include one on "Parliamentary Practice and Public Speaking" and one on "Labor Relations in the Air Transport Industry."

Ash on committee for rapid transit vote on Oct. 20th

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, has been named vice-chairman of the Citizens Committee for Better East Bay Transit. The committee is sponsoring the \$16,500,000 civic measure which will appear on the Oct. 20 ballot as Proposition A.

"Approval of this crucial development project is vital to the future of our East Bay communities," Ash said. "A vote of 'Yes' on Proposition A will assure us the public transportation we need to protect our residential property values against the damaging effects of traffic strangulation."

The labor leader said the program developed by the citizens committee would provide long-awaited relief to the many Alameda County residents who depend on public transportation, through an improved and expanded transit operation designed to meet the East Bay's growing needs.

"Competent, independent consulting engineers have found that the proposed transit system can be self-supporting by existing fares," Ash said.

Proposition A would revitalize East Bay transit with a fleet of new ultramodern motor coaches, a network of rapid express lines and 170 miles of new or improved local service in neighborhood areas throughout the transit district. A total of 700 route miles of transit service is planned.—Citizens Committee for Better East Bay Transit

Private power companies get FPC word: No soap!

Political advertising by private power companies must be paid for out of investors' profits, Federal Power Commission has ruled. This dashes hopes of companies to load cost of such advertising onto consumers.—Farmers Union Herald

Doctor for probe of hospital bills

Conceding that people "mis-trust" the bills they get for hospital treatment, Dr. Russell A. Nelson, president of the American Hospital Association, has proposed a "bank examiner" system to check up on hospital billing practices.

Such an inspection system, Dr. Nelson said, would assure the patient his bill "isn't being padded." It would, he said, be "one more guarantee that people aren't being charged twice for something they got once."

No one can be sure the system proposed by Dr. Nelson will do the job, but LABOR is glad to see a top spokesman in the hospital field concede there are grave abuses that need correction.—Labor

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CARPENTERS APPRENTICE Richard W. Hewitt of Reno won a \$200 bond and hand-carved trophy in first Western States apprenticeship contest staged at Oregon Centennial grounds in Portland.

Labor convention says Stalin wasn't so bad as Khrushchev

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just what it's going to do to the labor movement.

• The Pabco crisis in Alameda county was discussed, along with other conflicts of a different nature between the Steelworkers and the building tradesmen, at a meeting of the AFLCIO Executive Council, and another subcommittee of a subcommittee, or something, was being set up to substitute a new plan for substituting something to cure the chronic disease.

• And George Meany told the assembled labor editors of the

New labor deputies

Three new deputy labor commissioners have been appointed to fill vacancies in the Division of Labor Law Enforcement, it was announced by John F. Henning, Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

The appointments of Julian Candalaria and Andrew Evans of Fresno, and Paul Hill of Bakersfield are effective immediately. All three are assigned to Bay Area offices of the Labor Commissioner.

continent that organizing the unorganized was a big job not to be overlooked.

• One more about Khrushchev: He passed through Oakland Monday noon on the freeway southwards with a helicopter hovering over his big car and a long line of security folks, local and otherwise, on sirenless silent motorcycles, on his way to the International Business Machines plant near San Jose (nonunion, of course.)

'Miss Secretary

A 25-year-old secretary employed by the Iowa Federation of Labor in Des Moines has been named "Miss Union Secretary of 1959" in the third annual contest honoring female office workers in labor organizations throughout the United States. She is Miss Grace A. Broderick, secretary to Ray Mills, president of the Iowa State Federation of Labor.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

A certain young lady, read this report last week, and said: "Pop, you're letting your personal feelings dictate the stuff you write. We had to admit she was right.

Anything involving this union is personal. The injustice at Pabco extremely so.

However, we recognize our union has other problems, fundamental, one of which is our financial adversities.

At our special called meeting of Sunday, September 13th, our members debated hotly on whether to retain our death benefit, or eliminate it.

After the verbal smoke had subsided, a majority voted to retain the benefit by increasing our monthly obligation \$1.00. The officers were instructed to call a meeting after one year to review our financial situation.

Starting October 1, 1959 monthly dues will be \$6.00. Out of work members must pay \$1.75 for the death benefit premium.

On the brighter side, Elrick Rim Company, and United Centrifugal Pump Company, are back to work.

However our members are still out at the Shipyards, Paceco, CF&I, and Pabco.

We have an election for treasurer set for 9:00 p.m. at our next regular meeting of October 1, 1959, Art Braitto and Ernie Perry are the two nominees. Come down and vote for your choice.

Typographical Auxiliary

By ERMINE SULLIVAN

Encircle October 1, 10:30 a.m., on your calendar. That's the date of our next meeting, to be held at Jewish Community Center, 3245 Sheffield ave., just off MacArthur blvd. It's really very easy to reach by bus or auto.

Thursday evening, October 15, at 8:00, we meet at Mary Farley's home, 749 Contra Costa, Berkeley. Dorothy Sporkin, delegate to the W.I.A. convention in Philadelphia, will report, with the balance of the evening being spent socially. RSVP: LA 2-4342 or LA 6-8423, if possible.

Our international president, Virginia Tindell, attended the AFLCIO auxiliary convention in San Francisco as delegate, augmented by Dorothy Sporkin, Elizabeth Fee, Mary Farley, Ermine Sullivan, Freda Cripps and Mary Stapleton of No. 26. Our delegates and members enjoyed visiting with Mrs. Tindell.

Elizabeth Fee, hostess of our September meeting, carried out the Allied Label theme, September being Allied Label Month. Governor Brown honored labor by formally proclaiming an Allied Label Week. Centering the table were huge floating dahlias grown by Lottie Sanford, and at each place was a sachet bag of taffeta and net, filled with dried lavender. Scattered about the table were articles bearing the Allied Label. Literature bearing

the Allied Label served as place-mats.

We were saddened during the month by the death of beloved Lillie Small, an active and diligent member of 27 years, after a lengthy illness.

We plan to renew our "coffee and" for members of Oakland Typographical Union after a summer recess. Those of our members who have not brought Blue Chip stamp books for a new coffeemaker are urged to do so —soon.

"Encourage your menfolk to attend their regular union meeting Sunday, September 27" . . . and "Spend Union Earned Money for Union Label Products and Union Services."

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

As we have informed you before, the AFLCIO convention is being held these two weeks in San Francisco. General President and Secretary Harry Spodick and Vice President Serota are here attending the convention.

President Spodick visited our office one day last week and he seemed impressed with the operation and layout of our union office. The officers and the regular Board members are going to meet with General President Spodick at a small dinner during his visit in this city.

I attended as a delegate the sessions of the Union Label and Service Trades Department convention for two days the beginning of last week. During the remainder of the AFLCIO convention I will be attending the sessions as a delegate, along with President Spodick and Vice President Serota.

H. J. La Londe, head of Shipyard Labor Union, is mourned

The Central Labor Council delegates adjourned this week with a silent period of tribute to the memory of Harold Jack La Londe, who died in Hayward September 19.

La Londe, president of Shipyard Laborers 886 since 1938, was paid a tribute of loving commemoration by Ray Brennan, delegate from Local 886.

"He held Book 2 in our local," said Brennan, "and that gives you some idea of how long and how faithfully he'd served our local."

La Londe worked at his trade throughout his career as a union official.

The funeral was held Tuesday from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Hayward, of which La Londe was a member.

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, La Londe was 49 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Margarette T. La Londe, and by a daughter and son, Margarette Jill and Harold Jack La Londe, Jr.

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ITU president in visit to printers Progressive Club

Appearing at the special breakfast meeting of the Oakland Progressive Club Sunday, September 20, Elmer Brown, president of the International Typographical Union, in the first of several appointments he had for the day, delivered a comprehensive outline of up-to-the-minute points confronting the printers' organization.

The well-attended breakfast was added to by the attendance of all the ITU delegates to the AFLCIO convention in San Francisco: Howard L. Patten of Alexandria, Va.; Wallace C. Reilly, Mesquite, Texas; Lewis Herrmann, Newark, N.J.; Harry S. Duffy, Mantach, L.I., N.Y.; Theodore E. Hillyer, National City, Calif., and Earl Jepperson, Sacramento, who was recently appointed to fill the vacancy in the delegation when Francis "Ike" McGlothlin resigned to devote full time to administrative affairs as President Brown's assistant in Indianapolis.

Others in attendance from out-of-town included Joe Bailey, ITU vice-president; Joe Brown, ITU representative from Southern California; Duncan "Scotty" Ross, active in mailer matters for the ITU; Marjorie Fenley, Bakersfield, secretary of the Northern California Progressive Club, and William B. Swenson, Sacramento, president of the Northern California Progressive Club, who is also west coast representative for the International Progressive Campaign Committee.

Vice-president Bailey introduced the distinguished visitors by giving an interesting outline of each one's background, and Bill Swenson introduced President Brown.

The breakfast was jointly sponsored by the Northern California Progressive Club and the Oakland Progressive Club. President Arthur Triggs presided over the meeting.

Jack Austin, president of Oakland Typographical Union 36, told East Bay Labor Journal that ITU President Brown "gave an inspiring talk on conditions in the union, and urged members to alert themselves to the necessity of supporting the officers in their efforts."

CLC delegates

Delegates obligated by President Russ Crowell at the September 16 meeting of the Central Labor Council were: Joyce Delgado, Eugene Duley, Mrs. Theanne Pelikan, Clarence Shankle, International Union of Electrical Workers Local 1506; Charles Jordan, Upholsterers 28.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF EAST BAY MOTOR CAR DEALERS.

There will be a Special Order of Business at our next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 1959 to consider a request from the Motor Car Dealers to change certain portions of the contract dealing with holidays.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held October 1, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA
Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

After the Friday, September 25 meeting the social committee will serve refreshments.

This is to inform the members that the referendum vote on increase in dues carried. The financial secretary requests that the members who pay their dues by mail should add fifty cents to the present dues commencing October 1, making a total of five dollars per month. This includes the fifty cent assessment now paid into special funds.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, September 25, 1959 at 8:00 p.m., Hall D, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

We want to report that due to the death of General President Robert Byron, former General Secretary Edward Carlough is now general president and David Turner, a former business representative of Local No. 312, Salt Lake City, is now secretary. It is imperative that members pay dues in advance—as defined in the international constitution and any member who becomes delinquent by not paying dues for three consecutive months will be listed as suspended and reinstatement fee will be \$50.00, payable in prescribed time defined in the constitution, and if not paid, by default he shall be required to pay a new full initiation fee.

We should like to point out to our members that this office cannot be responsible or any member going suspended as the constitution clearly states that it is the obligation of members to maintain their good standing.

Death Assessment No. 437 is now due and payable for members affiliated with the Death Fund of the Tri-State Council of California, Arizona and Nevada. Brother Fred Fargo Knowles, No. 13715, a member of Local No. 309, San Jose passed away on July 22, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

Beginning in October, all three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The first meeting under this new schedule will be held Tuesday, October 20.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting, Thursday, October 1, 1959, at 8:00 p.m. Executive board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Election for treasurer at 9:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All Carpenters should again be reminded that the new rates in the payment of dues will be as follows: Journeymen \$4.50, Apprentices \$4.25 and Honorary \$3.50. This new rate begins in October. All brothers who have paid in advance should send in an adjustment check.

I would also like to remind you that the 25 cents per capita tax for the Home and Pension Fund has passed and that this will continue the payment of pensions of retired carpenters for another fifteen years.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN 550

NOTICE! DUES INCREASE

The recommendations of the Rank and File committee on the need for dues increase have carried in the recent district wide referendum.

Therefore for the month of October 1959 and thereafter the present \$4.00 dues will be \$4.50 per month and \$3.75 dues (apprentice) will be \$4.25 per month.

Fraternally yours,
M. D. CINCATO,
Recording Secretary
G. E. WHITE,
President

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

Next meeting of the local will be held Thursday, September 24, 1959, at 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland.

Reports from the Painters general convention will be given, also there will be discussion of our 60th anniversary entertainment.

Vacation is over—lets come down and attend our meeting!

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Do show up at the next regular meeting dated Friday night, October the second and listen to the reports of our delegates to the convention of our international recently held in Cleveland, Ohio. I had an inkling of some of the action and was it hot! You should make it a "must do" to attend this meeting and hear these reports.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT MILLER
Recording Secretary

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BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Important Notice:

All doctor and hospital bills incurred to June 30, 1959, must be in the office of the Bay Area Welfare Fund on or before September 30, 1959.

This is the last week to pay dues for the third quarter. The amount is \$27.15. Keep your insurance in force by paying your dues on time.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, on October 3, 1959, at 2:00 p.m.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally yours,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

California factory jobs kept rising last month

Despite the steel strike, California factory employment was 35,000 higher in August than in July, reaching 1,346,300, says State Director of Industrial Relations John F. Henning.

Metal Trades Council answers shipyard owners' propaganda

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Councils on the Pacific Coast voted to reject the proposal.

4. In the final results, the members of the unions who actually work in the shipyards decided to reject the proposal, and they made this decision knowing that to reject the offer would result in a strike. After voting on the proposal by secret ballot, the members actually working in the shipyards voted to strike and this again by a very large majority vote.

5. To sum up the situation, a vast majority of the men employed in all shipyards exercised their democratic rights and voted to refuse to work in the shipyards unless the employers were willing to pay a more adequate wage so they could make a decent living for their families.

6. The strike will be settled when the employers agree to pay a wage scale acceptable to the

members of the majority of the unions on the Pacific Coast.

7. The Bay Cities Metal Trades Council has offered all employers an agreement on the following basis:

15¢ per hour increase in wages effective July 1, 1959.

10¢ per hour into a trust depository commencing May 1, 1960.

10¢ per hour increase in wages effective July 1, 1960.

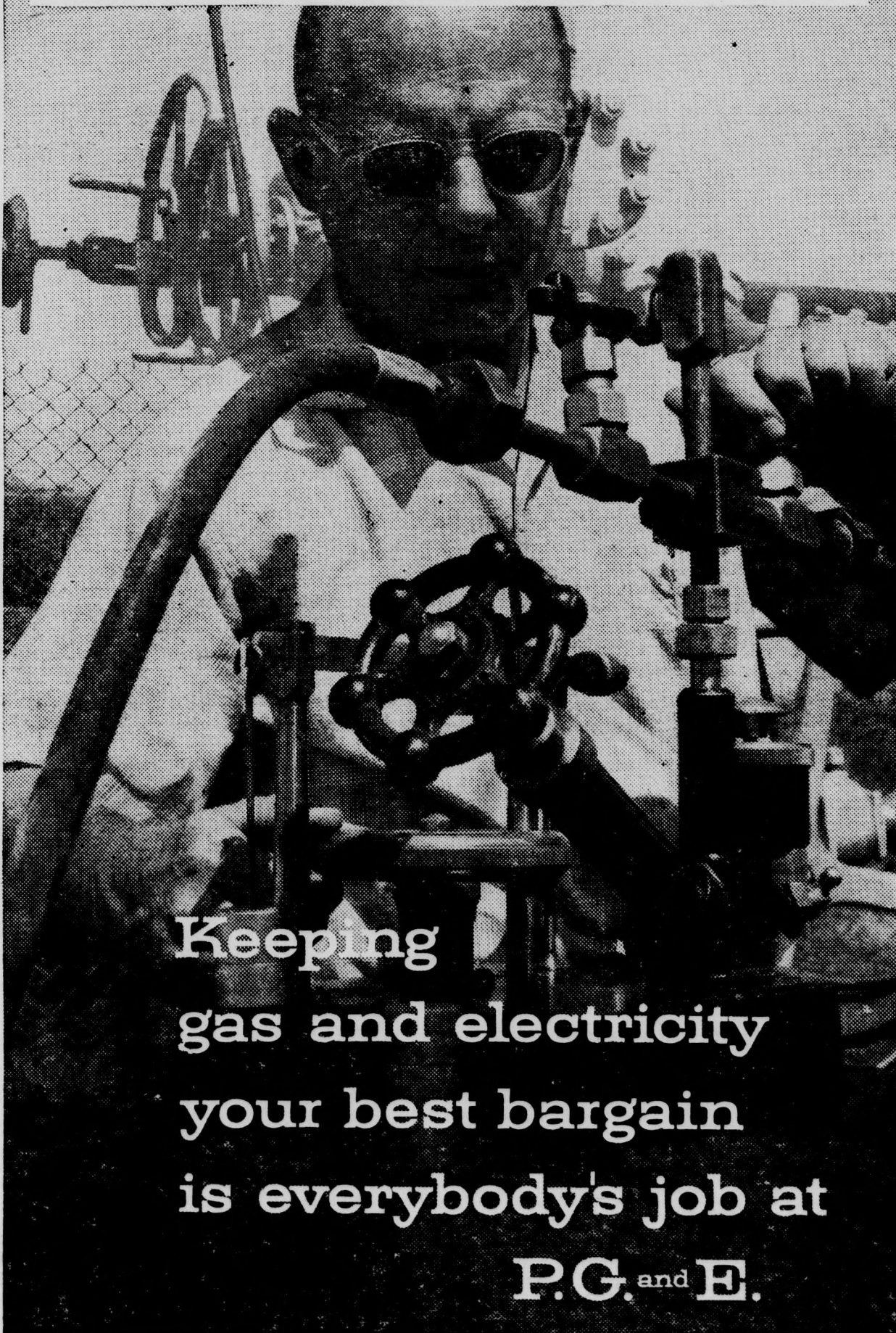
Change the 7¢ per hour holiday pay provision to 3½% resulting in full pay for holidays to employees steadily employed; plus all items previously agreed to in negotiations.

ROBERT H. KRONINGER, who was supported by organized labor some years ago in a campaign for election to the Assembly, has been appointed a Judge in the Oakland Municipal Court by Governor Edmund G. Brown.

Bill
RENTZ

Checking our "buried treasure," Bill Rentz tests the pressure in our mile-deep storage "tank" for natural gas. We are pumping gas into the ground in a field near Stockton where we'll have a vast and handy supply on tap for peak demands. Using nature's storage facilities cuts operating costs—another way P. G. and E. works to hold down the price of service to you. (Our customers pay \$1 for gas and electricity that cost \$1.33 elsewhere.*) You're using more each year—so it's a growing value which we're always working to improve!

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Our not quite so affluent society still has poverty

About a year ago economist John K. Galbraith of Harvard University published a book entitled, "The Affluent Society," which immediately became a best seller and is still being widely discussed not only in scholarly journals of the economics profession, but in the popular press as well. The unprecedented and continuing popularity of such a serious treatise in the field of economics is rather encouraging, for it would seem to indicate that a greater number of Americans than one might have supposed are deeply interested in and concerned about the economic state of the Union.

On the other hand, in the case of a serious book of this kind, there are certain dangers involved in too much popularity. One of these dangers is that the author's carefully qualified conclusions will be oversimplified to the point of distortion as they are bandied about on the cocktail circuit or in overly brief reviews in the popular press.

Many people, for example, have mistakenly concluded from a cursory reading of Dr. Galbraith's book, "The Affluent Society," that, in his opinion, poverty has been almost completely eliminated in the United States. Professor Galbraith himself recently alluded to this misunderstanding and conceded that it might have been better to have entitled his book, "The Quasi-Affluent Society." "I would certainly be a bit sorry," he said, "if it were concluded from the book that all Americans are rich, that we have no poor people left. . . ."

The fact is, of course, that Dr. Galbraith's explicitly pointed out in "The Affluent Society" that, in spite of our enormous productivity, "poverty does survive," particularly in the rural segment of our economy. The hard core of the poor, he said, is declining, "but not with great rapidity," and "the modern locus of poverty is even more the rural than urban slum." — Monsignor Geo. G. Higgins in USF's PANEL.

County Fair Bazaar of Machinist Auxiliaries at Richmond October 3d

The Country Fair Bazaar, sponsored by the Golden Gate Council of Auxiliaries, International Association of Machinists, will be held Saturday, October 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Machinists Hall, 255 16th street, Richmond.

Awards of canned ham and beverages based on purchases are on the schedule, with admission free.

Lunch and dinner are served, there is entertainment, and among the articles on sale are handmade articles, grocery baskets, homemade pastries, and fascinating white elephants, says Freda Madison, publicity chairman for the Golden Gate Council.

This missing father was leading social workers!

There has been a lot said about skipping fathers and the difficulty of locating them so they would contribute to the support of their minor children. Comes a report from a Tehama County Welfare worker that tops the list.

The missing father was located 200 miles from his home working as a supervisor of Social Workers in Napa County. — Alameda County Observer

'Another Year to Wait, Mother!'



Automation hits white collar folk, not only blue collared

Automation has not only cut job opportunities in the factory, it has changed the nature of the factory job. As studies have shown, the worker in the automated factory has become almost divorced physically from his fellows and has even been described as the "lonely worker."

The same prospect lies ahead for the white collar office worker. Traditionally, this employee has worked at a desk. In big offices, the desk might have been one of a long line of similar desks. Always, or almost always, the white collar employee has been in relatively close contact with a supervisor or manager.

The new office is a much lonelier place. The traditional line of desks is disappearing. Substituted is the console of a computer, an automated file table, or some similar device. More and more, the modern office is beginning to resemble the factory. The big office of the future may, indeed, become no more nor less than a record keeping or data processing factory.

Today, the office worker can

Commies are once more trying to wriggle into our unions, book states

Communists are once again trying to penetrate the American labor movement and gain control of its unions, according to David J. Saposs, author of a new book, "Communism in American Unions."

Saposs claims that only constant vigilance and disclosure can deal effectively with the infiltration efforts. He warns that the Communists hide their identity and avoid discussing social issues while concentrating on helping dissident elements in the unions until they can secure positions of leadership. — IUD Bulletin

more or less control the workplace—though not always. But in an automated office, the machine will more and more determine the pace. What this will do to traditional "white collar psychology" can only be guessed at this point, but the impact promises to be startling.

With the shrinkage of white collar job opportunities, there will come new problems. The number of educated Americans—or at least those with some college background—is growing. While automated office operations may create such skilled jobs as "computer analyst," these will be comparatively few. Meanwhile, white collar automation, in limiting the number of white collar jobs, will also tend to limit the number of career jobs for the man with the college degree.

College enrollment today is about 3.2 million, and the number is expected to double by 1970. This is all to the good. Nevertheless, the question of jobs for the educated white collar groups is already troubling America. — IUD Digest

Coming: Hydrolics Anonymous soon?

Recent studies by a group of prominent doctors have brought out a very interesting fact about one of the Fire Fighters' most important weapons—water. It seems that certain people, known as "Hydrolics," are able to get the same reaction from large amounts of water, as you and I can with a somewhat smaller dose of an alcoholic beverage!

"Hydrolics" are compulsive water drinkers. On an intake of thirty to thirty-five pints of water a day, they act like alcoholic drunkards because of the dilution of their blood. Their speech is slurred, they become giddy, and they even get hang-overs! — Metropolitan Fire News

Individual keeps right to refuse to cross any picket line, is advice

Edward J. Fillenworth, attorney for the Indiana Conference of Teamsters, said recently:

Recently, there have been articles in various newspapers as to the rights of persons coming up to a picket line, and newspapers have also carried stories and reports as to what Congress is going to do about such matters.

However, don't be misled by what you hear or by what you read in the newspapers, for it still seems to be the law that an individual who comes up to a picket line still has the individual right to refuse to go through that picket line; in other words, you do not have to go through a picket line if you individually choose not to do so; that is the law—and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

Union-aided Hat Co. has dividend

NEW YORK — The Merrimac Hat Co. of Amesbury, Mass., in which the Hatters invested \$435,000 in a move to save the jobs of the union members, has voted to pay its first dividend.

Following a directors' meeting here, Pres. Hans Rie of the company announced that a payment of 50 cents a share will be made Aug. 10 to stockholders of record of July 9, based on first-quarter earnings of \$47,442 compared with a loss of \$119,292 in the comparable 1958 period.

The company, formerly known as the Merrimac Hat Corp., enjoyed a reputation as one of the oldest and best suppliers in the industry when it voted to liquidate early this year following heavy losses in 1958. The union spurred a reorganization plan and invested its funds not alone to save the jobs of the workers, but also to aid the industry and to preserve the economy of Amesbury. — AFL-CIO News.

Senator Douglas resents smear on Morse of Oregon

Senator Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), rose in the Senate to protest against a Washington newspaper columnist's particularly nasty attack upon Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), questioning the latter's "liberalism," which the columnist put in quotation marks.

Douglas said he was pained by the practice of many writers in placing quotation marks around the term liberal, as if it had an undesirable meaning. "Liberalism can be defined in many ways," Douglas continued, "one of which is the liberalism of economic, political and intellectual life and thought."

"It is the belief that, if the channels of economic and political life are opened up to freedom of choice, in the long run the processes of truth, competition, thought and ideas will result in a better society."

"On the basis of that definition," Douglas told the Senate, "the senior senator from Oregon (Morse) is one of the finest liberals I have ever known or read about."

"There is another definition of liberalism, which I think cuts to the heart of the matter. It is the question: Are you, or are you not, on the side of the people? The entire record of the senator from Oregon shows he has always been on the side of the people. Therefore, he is a true liberal, and a great public servant."

"There are all too few who defend the general interest against the powerful special interests which beat in upon us," Douglas declared. "Senator Morse can always be counted on to do just that."

"In the 11 years I have been in the Senate, I have admired the manner in which the senator from Oregon has consistently and courageously defended what he believed to be the general interest in economic, international, political and judicial matters. He has taught us many valuable lessons." — Valley Labor Citizen

Canadian Clothing Workers win plant

MONTREAL, Que. — After 30 years of persistent effort, the Clothing Workers have completed organization of Hyde Park Clothes, Ltd., one of Canada's largest clothing manufacturers, and have negotiated a union contract.

The union's new Local 766 received its charter at a meeting at which the contract, containing improved wage rates, was ratified. The union was on strike for six months last year because of a lockout that started when some workers were fired during an organizing drive for not reporting despite a blizzard that snowed in the city. — AFL-CIO News.

Workers in Swift plant vote union

WILSON, N. C. — Workers at the newly-constructed Swift and Co. meat packing plant here have chosen the Packinghouse Workers Union.

UPWA Secretary-Treasurer G. R. Hathaway said at the union's headquarters in Chicago that the union will demand in negotiations that the new Wilson plant be included in the master agreement with Swift. The average pay at the new plant here is \$1.49 an hour. The master agreement provides other Swift workers with a minimum rate of \$2.08 and an average of \$2.47 an hour. — AFL-CIO News.

New law gives BTC 'prehire' clause so long desired

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went into effect September 18, which was passed at the last session of the Legislature largely through efforts of the building trades.

"This law," wrote Deavers, "requires that you file with the Department of Industrial Relations a duplicate of your executed or certified signed collective bargaining agreement. The purpose of this is to provide the Director of Industrial Relations with information vitally necessary to determine per diem wages and fringe benefits consisting of health and welfare, vacation and pension payments for those contracts entered into with the State. These fringe benefits will be included in the published notice to contractors who will be bidding on State work."

"Your compliance with the above will determine whether your members receive the proper wages, hours and fringe benefits on all public jobs in the State of California. Please take care of this matter immediately. Do it today!"

POLICE, FIREMEN

The trustees recommended contributions to the benefit for widows and orphans of police and firemen.

DELEGATE SEATED

William Taylor was seated as a delegate from Elevator Constructors Local 8.

JESS COMPANY

The delegates accepted the recommendation of the Board of Business Agents that the council request adjacent councils to place Jess Construction Company and its affiliated companies on the unfair list where it has jobs.

PICKETS

Childers reported that a picket had been placed at a 19-unit motel job on San Pablo avenue where nonunion carpenters and plumbers were working, that it might be a long spell of picketing, but there was the possibility that the man in charge would run out of nonunion skills.

He said that on a W. A. Weaver job, 98th and MacArthur, four nonunion men were found nailing on sheetrock, that they had been removed, and the matter was being discussed with the contractor's attorney.

LAW AND LEGISLATION

President Pruss appointed X. J. Restos, Electrical Workers 595, to the Law and Legislation Committee.

Governor proud of new liberal laws

Key parts of Governor Edmund G. Brown's program, including the historic Fair Employment Practices law and increases in social insurance and social welfare, went into effect this week.

Besides FEPC, the new laws increased unemployment insurance to a maximum of \$55 a week, disability insurance and workmen's compensation to \$65. Duration of unemployment insurance benefits was increased from 26 to 39 weeks when unemployment reaches 6 percent of the labor force.

They also increased aid to the aged and blind to \$100 a month and \$115 for special need cases and provided medical care for the needy disabled.—Governor's Press Release

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Labor Department man in S.F. to answer queries on new law

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has announced in Washington that, with the signing into law of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, his Department has already taken steps to carry out new duties and responsibilities under the so-called reform legislation.

Of importance to all unions, Mitchell outlined the following steps:

"1. A new bureau to be known as the Bureau of Labor-Management Reports has been organized within the Department of Labor.

"2. Work is well along on the development of the necessary forms and procedural instructions to be issued by the Department of Labor for labor unions, management firms and management officials who will report under the new law.

"Within 10 days of this announcement (Sept. 14) the Department will issue preliminary regulations advising unions of the procedures to be followed in filing trusteeship reports which are due within 30 days.

"The labor organization report form which is to accompany the submittal of copies of constitutions and by-laws from all unions within 90 days has been prepared in preliminary form and a quarter of a million copies will be distributed for the use of unions well in advance of the expiration of the 90-day period.

"3. General information bulletins explaining the provisions of the law for the guidance of labor and management officials,

union members and the general public are being prepared for release.

"4. The AFLCIO and representative management trade associations have been requested to designate representatives to consult, in the initial phases of planning, with officials of the Department of Labor on the detail of the new law with respect to the particular provisions affecting them.

"5. Representatives of the Department of Labor in 21 major cities across the country will be available immediately to explain the provisions of the law to interested persons." (In California, these representatives will be stationed in San Francisco and Los Angeles.)

In San Francisco, John F. Ryan can be reached at room 315, 638 Sansome Street, telephone YUkon 8-3111, extension 312. In Los Angeles, Walter I. M. Brockbank will be located in room 1257 Western Pacific Building, 1631 South Broadway, telephone RICHmond 9-4711, extension 338.—California Labor Federation

Hearing begins on Pabco union case

Lloyd Ferber, Steel Machinists 1304, told the Central Labor Council this week that the union's dispute with the United Centrifugal Pump Company had been settled, and the men were back at work.

"Also," he added, "the Pabco Company has paid us the compliment of suing us for \$640,000—which we ain't got."

The union has been backed by the council in its insistence that it has a valid contract with Pabco, and that Pabco violated this by transferring to a maintenance company the work done for years by members of Local 1304.

Superior Judge Fox has enjoined the union from continuing to picket the Pabco plant. This week the regional NLRB office held a hearing on the union's charge that the company committed an unfair labor practice against the union.

Apprenticeship Council meets in Oakland Oct. 29

The executive committee of the Greater East Bay Apprenticeship Council held a luncheon meeting with representatives of the Contra Costa County Apprenticeship Council to form plans to host the quarterly meeting of the California Apprenticeship Council to be held October 29, 30, and 31 in Oakland.

This meeting will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act passed by the Legislature in 1939 and signed into effect by the then Governor Culbert E. Olson.

If there are less than 14 workers, murder is legal!

It is legal to commit murder! If you operate a coal mine employing 14 or less men, that is!

This is gruesomely and literally true. The Federal Coal Mine Safety Act of 1952, for which like all other coal mine safety laws, the UMWA had to fight for years before it was enacted, provides that a coal mine employing 14 or less men underground cannot be closed by Federal inspectors no matter how much of a death trap it may be.

Why is this so? It was a "compromise" said Director Marling J. Ankeny of the U.S. Bureau of Mines. It was a "political compromise" said President John L. Lewis of the UMWA.

It was, of course, also a Congressional compromise with death!

Hundreds of coal miners have been killed, maimed and permanently incapacitated in these so-called small mines since the passage of the Act. Why? Because, as Lewis said, "of some adventurers who want to profit at the expense of other men who will die."—United Mine Workers Journal



KOHLER MARTYRS slain in bitter 1934 strike inspire labor solidarity of current strike, now in its sixth year. Honoring memory of Lee Wakefield and Henry Englemann on 25th anniversary are (from left): AFLCIO Reg. Dir. Charles Heymann; Pres. Emil Schutte of Sheboygan, Wis., County Labor Council; Frank Reinthal, officer of Wakefield and Englemann Memorial Union, and Rudolph Renn, secretary of Memorial Union.

Millman carves special gavel

The San Diego Labor Leader published the following description of the very special gavel wielded by Max Osslo, chairman of the welcoming committee at the 1959 California Labor Federation convention in San Diego:

The gavel is a beautifully hand-carved item crafted by an unusual man—London-born William Mitchell, 75, retired contractor who now has a small cabinet shop at 3471 Pickwick St.

It was made by the same hands—now older and with two fewer fingers—that made decorative carvings for the homes of movie stars in the '20s and '30s.

Mitchell, a member of Millmen's Local 2020, has been a cabinetmaker nearly 60 years. He came to the United States in 1905 and immediately took out citizenship papers.

He drifted West, improving his woodcarving talents in addition to practicing his trade, and after nine years' study under famous sculptors, opened a custom shop in Hollywood.

Those were the years of fantastic wealth in the movie business, and Mitchell was called upon to perform architectural carving in the homes of such stars as Shirley Temple, Richard Dix, Claudette Colbert and Ann Southern.

He also did clay modeling, and a model of Barbara Stanwyck he

did for Columbia Pictures figured in a 1930 screenplay.

Producers were prodigal with talent then. For one film, "Brodway Bill," Mitchell supervised a crew of six carvers.

But Los Angeles was getting smoggy, and Mitchell was nearing retirement age. Six years ago he and his wife moved to San Diego.

He built his own house at 924 Quail St.

Mitchell still likes to carve, but there's not much architectural carving to be done these days. Modern homes don't require ornamentation like the older Spanish and English styles did, he explained.

However, examples of his art can be found here and there. The La Jolla residence of James S. Copley has a Mitchell-carved mantel piece.

One of those hot water swimmers got drowned

After a hot debate lasting more than four hours, the delegates to the Central Labor Council vote in favor of the resignation of C. M. Rynerson as editor of the Labor Press.—Oregon Labor Press in its Forty Years Ago Column

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New law, big convention, & Krushchev to digest!

Next week, with the AFLCIO convention over, the text of the new labor law beginning to undergo careful study by all affected parties, and the unprecedented visit of the head of the Soviet Empire ending, organized labor can settle down to digesting all the exciting events of the past few weeks.

Each of these three major events is going to be important in its influence on our thinking and actions for a long time to come.

The AFLCIO convention, despite whatever successes were scored in the making of decisions and in the formulation of conciliatory programs, was plainly not a gathering of men and women who all thought and felt alike. The old wounds which caused the original split between the AFL and CIO have not healed as well as many had hoped at the time of the merger, and our technology, whooped up to new speed of change by automation, obviously is going to set a fast pace of adjustment for all of us who don't like change—and that includes a great many of us indeed. By the time the next AFLCIO convention is held, two years from now, many more changes in technology will have occurred, and possibly during these coming two years the sheer speed of change will have taught more of us to work our way out of old inflexible attitudes into new and more widely accepted compromises.

Two years from now we shall know a great deal more about the new labor law than we do now. Its provisions will have been invoked in many a dispute and cited in many a court and at innumerable NLRB hearings.

As for the relations of our nation with Soviet Russia, it would be a hardy self-appointed prophet indeed who would presume to say what the situation will be two years from now. It is pleasing to believe that a real thaw is taking place in the cold war iceberg, but those of us who have lived in icebound areas through many winters know that when a thaw comes you can get your feet wet easily and develop pneumonia quickly.

For the moment, however, let's pretend we have a breathing space, and that during the next few months, we can at least hope that there won't be so many exciting crises as there have been lately.

White collar troubles

George Stokes of the Teachers and W. J. Foley of the Insurance Agents at a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council told of the difficulties encountered by organizers and leaders of white collar workers.

One impatient delegate, distressed by stories of frustration and defeat, and the seeming failure of many white collar workers to realize the need for unionism, said to another:

"Maybe if they haven't got the guts to get together and form a union, we'd better just leave them alone, and let them stay unorganized if they like that so much."

But of course this delegate didn't fully mean what he was saying. He knows that the proportion of white collar workers is increasing in the labor force of the nation, and that if we fail to get these people with us we can be sure that there are plenty of schemers busy at the job of getting them actively against us.

Organized labor does not represent, or should not represent, the interests of a few selected crafts or industries, or a few selected classes of workers. It naturally and properly aspires to represent the interests of all who are employees, who sell their services to the masters of capital and power. Any lesser aspiration stultifies our whole movement.

A recommendation

One recommendation of the 15th American Assembly, annual gathering of serious students of our national problems, is not only worth considering, but will, we suspect, ultimately come into effect:

"An annual conference of labor, management, and Government representatives should be convened, shortly after the presentation of the President's Economic Report, to discuss wages, prices, profits and productivity as related to national economic goals. These sessions should not be concerned with particular contract negotiations . . . (but) discuss appropriate private and public policies to achieve growth and stability."

Growth and stability! Two buddies who have a hard time realizing they're twins.

Tools for the Job



PROFIT MARGINS RISE, PRICES DO NOT DROP

Current issue of Economic Trends and Outlook, an AFLCIO publication, reports:

Corporate profits are at new record peaks and continue to rise in the biggest profit boom since corporate income shot up in late 1946 and early 1947, after the end of wartime economic controls.

"Corporate profits in 1959's second quarter made the largest gain over a year-earlier period since just after World War II," states the Wall Street Journal of July 31, 1959. "This is the largest gain for any three months, compared with a year earlier, since this newspaper began in 1950 compiling records for several hundred companies, quarter by quarter."

The record profit-rise of the April-June quarter of 1959 has come on top of successive, substantial boosts since the poor business months of early 1958. In the 15 months between the recession low-point in the January-March quarter of 1958 and the second quarter of 1959, total profits of all U.S. corporations have zoomed 55%—up from yearly rates of \$32 billion before taxes and \$16.3 billion after taxes to estimated yearly rates of \$50 billion before taxes and \$25.6 billion after taxes.

Behind this boom are reduced production costs and increased profit margins, as well as rising sales since the bottom of the recession. Cost-cutting, modernization of labor-saving methods and automation have been raising productivity sharply and reducing production costs.

In June, for example, there was 24% more factory production than in the April 1958 recession low-point, with only 9% more wage and salary jobs and an increase in working hours. The sharp rise in productivity has more than offset wage increases. Payroll and fringe benefit costs of factory production and maintenance workers per

unit of output, in June, were about 2% less than two years ago, before the recession started, and somewhat less than in mid-1953.

Overhead costs, as well as labor costs, have been declining.

Although unit costs have been declining, most prices have remained about the same as six months or a year ago. Business generally has refused to share the benefits of reduced costs with its customers, through lower prices. Major industries, such as steel and aluminum, are likewise fighting any attempt to share their booming profits with their employees.

Profit margins on each item, therefore, have been rising. "The reason for (business) optimism," states Business Week for August 1, 1959, "is that profit margins are still widening . . . Most companies reported larger sales and increased profit margins, representing the benefits of new equipment and cost-cutting measures taken in 1958 and 1957."

Supermarkets

The Federal Trade Commission, which has become increasingly interested in competition among supermarkets, has recently issued an interim report on activity in this field which touches the food supply of every citizen.

The report makes it apparent that the giants in the field are taking an increasing large portion of the sales. Chains with 11 or more stores boosted sales from 1948 to 1958 by 118 percent while other retail food stores made a 72 percent gain.

From 1949 through 1958 food chains made 315 acquisitions, involving 2,238 stores. —Retail Clerks Advocate

Office Workers

Most people seem to be of the opinion that office workers on the average have a short work-week. This is particularly true in the larger cities.

However, the National Office Management Association recently released a survey which would indicate the reverse is true.

This survey covered 509,000 clerical employees of 7,590 firms in 128 cities in the United States and Canada. It showed that 68 percent of United States firms require clerical employees to work a 40 hour week. Twelve percent work 37.5 hours and only five percent have a 35 hour work-week. —The White Collar

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LETTER TO MORE THAN THE EDITOR

Are you working Brother? Been on steady for a long time? Reckon you'll never get laid off? You know, not many manage to work right on through to retirement.

If you are laid off, are you sure you can find another job if there are several million out of work? Of course, 'way back during "The Depression" we were often told that "Any man could find work if he wanted it bad enough." Maybe one man could, if he wanted it badly enough to cut another man's throat to get his job. But not all the unemployed could find jobs, not by several million. There just weren't enough jobs and there aren't enough jobs right now.

Brother, no matter how confident you talk, in the back of your mind is the constant threat of being out of work and finding no job available to you. Wouldn't we be smarter, while we're still working, to support the move for a reduction in hours of work, in order to spread the work and make more jobs? You feel you have to have every hour you can get right now, and overtime if you can get it, in order to keep up with today's high cost of living. But what of the time when you find there are just no paid hours for you?

We can improve our security by getting solidly behind the labor leaders who are talking shorter hours for the benefit of every one of us, including YOU, Brother. It doesn't matter whether it's a six or seven hour day, a three or four day week, or eight week's paid vacation; some kind of a reduction in hours worked is essential to keep the American economy on an even keel. We'd better lift our noses from the grindstone long enough to take at least a brief look ahead.

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GROUND RULES

In March, the President told us that the whole security of the nation depended on \$4,500 million worth of backdoor spending for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. In July, we are told that the future of the nation rests on stopping a little of backdoor spending to put roofs over the heads of our American families. It would be helpful if someone would lay down a few ground rules for this course.—Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D., Texas)

'INNER SPACE'

Inner space, even more than outer space, needs conquering. Inner space is the space between a man's ears and in the region of the heart where the assumptions of freedom take root and flourish or wither and die. Man's future, I believe, continues to depend on what happens in that limitless inner space of the human mind and heart. It is there that the democratic spirit must summon enough thrust to rise to the present challenge. —Congressman James Roosevelt.

HORRIBLE TIME

Time magazine has long since ceased to be—if indeed it ever was—a news magazine, strictly so-called. It has become, for all practical purposes, a journal of opinion, with an obvious bias in favor of one political party and even more obvious bias in favor of the management point of view in the field of economics and labor relations. —Monsignor George Higgins.